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## Press Release

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### Pennsylvania Egg Production Down 3.6 Percent in September

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania egg production totaled 532 million during September, down 3.6 percent from the September 2001 production, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service. There were an average of 23.7 million layers in the Commonwealth during the month, down 3 percent from September 2001. Average production per 100 layers was 2,244 eggs, compared with 2,267 eggs during the previous September.

Egg-type chicks hatched totaled 4.4 million in September, 15 percent below the 5.1 million one year ago. Cumulative egg-type hatch for 2002 is 39.8 million, down 19 percent from the 49.5 million hatched during the same period last year. There were 12.7 million broiler-type chicks hatched last month, down slightly from September 2001. Cumulative broiler-type hatch for 2002, at 117.3 million chicks, was 1 percent more than the 116.5 million hatched January through September 2001.

United States - Egg production in the United States totaled 7.15 billion during September, up 1 percent from the previous year. The total number of layers during the month averaged 337 million, up 1 percent from September 2001.

September egg-type chicks hatched totaled 35.4 million, down 4 percent from last year. Broiler-type hatch, at 741 million chicks, was up slightly from September 2001. Turkey eggs in incubators on October 1, 2002, totaled 29.1 million, down 3 percent from October 1 a year ago. A total of 22.7 million turkey poults were placed during the month, up 1 percent from September 2001.